

demonstration to provide reimbursement for costs associated with NCI sponsored clinical trials for cancer prevention will augment current patient accruals to clinical trials and allow for data collection in order to perform a comprehensive economic analysis. This demonstration also affects TRICARE, the managed health care program that includes CHAMPUS. This demonstration project, which is under the authority of 10 U.S.C., section 1092, will expire December 31, 1999.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 21, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

On January 24, 1996, the Department provided notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 1899) of an expansion of an existing demonstration for breast cancer treatment clinical trials to include all cancer treatment clinical trials under approved National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials. The demonstration purpose is to improve beneficiary access to promising new therapies, assist in meeting the National Cancer Institute's clinical trial goals, and arrival at conclusions regarding the safety and efficacy of emerging therapies in the treatment of cancer. The January 24, 1996, notice anticipated the possibility of extending the demonstration.

The NCI trials program is the principal means by which the oncology community has developed clinical evidence for the efficacy of various treatment approaches in cancer therapy. Participating institutions include NCI's network of comprehensive and clinical cancer centers, university and community hospitals and practices, and military treatment facilities. Despite this extensive network which includes the nation's premier medical centers, cure rates for most types of cancer remain disappointing, highlighting the significant effort still required for improvement. The principal means by which advances in therapy will be realized is through application of research to victims of cancer. In support of NCI's efforts to further the science of cancer treatment, the Department expanded its breast cancer demonstration to include all NCI-sponsored phase II and phase III clinical trials. This expanded demonstration will enhance current NCI efforts to determine safety and efficacy of promising cancer therapies by expanding the patient population

available for entry into clinical trials and stabilizing the referral base for these clinical activities.

In recognition of the successful partnership with the NCI, the current demonstration is being expanded to allow DoD beneficiaries to participate in NCI sponsored clinical trials in cancer prevention in addition to cancer treatment. This expansion of the current demonstration will enhance continued NCI efforts to determine safety and efficacy of promising cancer therapies by expanding the patient population available for entry into clinical trials and stabilizing the referral base for these clinical activities.

While this demonstration provides an exception to current CHAMPUS benefit limitations, the Department hypothesizes that this increased access to innovative cancer prevention therapies will occur at a cost comparable to that which Department has experienced in paying for conventional therapies under the standard CHAMPUS program. Results of this demonstration will provide a framework for determining the scope of DoD's continued participation in the NCI's research efforts.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the Advisory Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction**

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the first meeting of the Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C., Appendix II (1982)], it has been determined that this Advisory Panel meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(1)(1988); accordingly, the bulk of the meeting will be closed to the public. A small portion of the meeting will be open, however, to facilitate public comment.

**DATE:** June 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Room 802, RAND, Suite 800, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA:** The Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet in closed session from 10:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on June 9, 1999. The meeting will be open to the public from 4:45 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This meeting will include classified briefings on the threat of domestic WMD terrorist attacks. Time will be allocated as noted above for public comments by individuals or organizations. Due to unexpected requirements to amend the meeting's agenda with classified briefings, the posting of this meeting in the **Federal Register** falls within the normal 15 day notice period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** RAND provides information about this Panel on its web site at <http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel>; it can also be reached at (202) 296-5000 extension 5282. Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Priscilla Schlegel, RAND, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: June 2, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to amend record systems.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force proposes to amend systems of records notices in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** The amendments will be effective on July 8, 1999, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Air Force Access Programs Manager, Headquarters, Air Force